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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action mailed on September 29, 2006. Payment for a one-month extension of time is transmitted herewith. The Patent and Trademark Office is authorized to charge or credit any deficiencies or overpayments in this case to Deposit Account No. 50-3352. In response to the Office Action, please amend the above-referenced application as follows: